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In re application of:

KAYYEM et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Final Official Action dated June 14, 1999 and accompanies a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) filing. A Notice of Appeal was filed on November 15, 1999 in the parent case, running to January 15, 2000. Thus this response is timely and no further fees are due at this time. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including any extension fees or other relief, which

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